

COMMON COUNCIL
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
JANUARY 20, 2009

Mayor Armstrong called a regular meeting of the City Common Council to order at approximately 6:00 P.M. in the City Council Chambers.

I. Meeting Called to Order

- A. Opening Prayer was given by Pastor Patrick Galligar from St. Peter's Lutheran Church.
- B. Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Armstrong
- C. Roll Call was taken. Ann DeVore, George Dutro, James Lienhoop, Martha Myers and Joseph Richardson were present. Jesse Brand and Priscilla Scalf were absent.
- D. Acceptance of Minutes: Martha Myers moved to approve the minutes for the Council meeting on January 6, 2009. Ann DeVore seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

II. Unfinished Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Second reading of an Ordinance entitled "ORDINANCE NO.3, 2009, AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE OFFICIAL ZONING MAP OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, REZONING THE SUBJECT PROPERTY FROM "RS-3" (SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL) TO "RMc" (MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL WITH CONDITIONS)." (Hickory Investors) Jeff Bergman, Planning Director, presented this Ordinance and did a recap on the rezoning. He presented the power point presentation. Brief discussion followed. Martha Myers moved to approve the Ordinance. It was seconded by Joseph Richardson. Motion to approve the Ordinance passed by a vote of 5 to 0 with James Lienhoop abstaining on the vote.

III. New Business Requiring Council Action

- A. Public hearing of preliminary determination to issue general obligation bonds to finance construction of a portion of Downtown Project known as Commons Mall. Mayor Armstrong began the public hearing with a few comments on the proposed

Commons Mall. He stated that many individuals had worked together to a plan that would serve the community very well. Discussion followed. Many people spoke on behalf of the project. One person stated she was in favor of the project but felt there were many people in the community without employment and health insurance and wanted those people helped as well. Mayor Armstrong allowed people to speak regarding the project. Mayor then closed the public hearing and moved to Item B.

- B. Reading of a resolution entitled “RESOLUTION NO.4, 2009, A RESOLUTION MAKING A PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO ISSUE BONDS.” Tom Vujovich, Bruce Donaldson attorney at Barnes & Thornburg and bond counsel for Redevelopment. Discussion followed. George Dutro moved to approve the resolution. Jams Lienhoop seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.
- C. First reading of an Ordinance entitled “ORDINANCE NO.____, 2009, ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, INDIANA, AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROVIDING FUNDS TO PAY FOR CERTAIN DOWNTOWN DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND INCIDENTAL EXPENSES IN CONNECTION THEREWITH AND ON ACCOUNT OF THE ISSUANCE OF THE BONDS.” Tom Vujovich, and Ed Curtin. Ed Curtin asked the Council to approve this Ordinance authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to fund the construction of the Commons. Martha Myers moved to place in proper channels. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0.

IV. Other Business

- A. Standing Committee and Liaison Reports. George Dutro moved to approve the appointment of Martha Myers as President Pro-Tem for the year 2009. Joseph Richardson seconded the motion. Motion passed by a vote of 5 to 0. A hand-out with the appointments for 2009 was presented to the Clerk-Treasurer for the record.
- B. Next Regular Meeting Scheduled: Mayor’s State of the City, Feb. 3, 2009 at 6:00 o’clock P.M. in the Cal Brand Meeting Hall, City Hall

- C. Adjournment: Martha Myers moved to adjourn the meeting. James Lienhoop seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 0. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 o'clock P.M.

Attest:

Clerk Treasurer of City of Columbus